

The Epic

Definition: a long narrative poem about a hero's adventures

The Epic Hero

- usually male
- reflects the ideals of a nation or race
- takes long, dangerous journeys into foreign lands
- performs courageous deeds
- displays superhuman strength and/or battles supernatural beings

Other Elements of The Epic

- **Epic Simile**

- **definition:** a long, elaborate comparison using "like" or "as" that often continues for several lines

- **Epithet**

- **definition:** a brief, descriptive phrase that points out traits associated with a particular person or thing.